GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CARGO TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report under the caption `Air cargo grounded, 2000 tonnes caught in traffic jam` as appearing in `The Economic Times` dated April 2, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the immediate and long term steps taken/proposed to be taken to ease the position and provide adequate space to tackle the current cargo and projected growth of cargo in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a), (b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. To tide over the back log of cargo of approximately 1800 MT at Delhi and 250 MT at Chennai airports, following steps have been undertaken:-

(1) All operating airlines have been asked to operate extra sectional flights;

(2) The exporters have also been requested to indicate realistic projections of capacity demand; and

(3) To mitigate the hardships to exporters, free storage period for export cargo at cargo terminals was advanced from five to seven calender days from 8th to 30th April, 2000.